

REMARKS

Preliminary Amendment

Please note that a Preliminary Amendment was filed in the above-referenced application on January 31, 2001, but does not appear to have been entered in the Office. Per the request made in the outstanding Office Action, a copy of the Preliminary Amendment, along with a copy of a postcard evidencing receipt of the same by the Office, are enclosed herewith.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-101 are currently pending in the application and subject to a Restriction Requirement.

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-87 of Group I.

Election of Species Requirement

The outstanding Office Action indicates that, in the event that the claims of Group I are elected in response to the Restriction Requirement, an election of species must be made.

An election is hereby made, with traverse, to prosecute Species I, which includes claim 1-17. It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-59 reads on Species I, which was identified as a "Method for Disposing a Material on Semiconductor Device Structure", and that claim 1 is generic to each of Species I, Species II, Species III, and Species IV.

Once the above-referenced Preliminary Amendment has been entered in the above-reference application, an early action on the merits of claims 1-59 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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